

Uncle Sam Has Some Favorite Methods of Putting Up Tomatoes



Photo courtesy United States department agriculture.
MODEL TOMATO PATCH IN GIRLS' CANNING CLUB GARDEN.

THE number of Uncle Sam's proteges grows daily as the popularity of his movement for the formation of girls' canning and gardening clubs grows. This movement is expected to do much to keep girls on the farm, since it points out to them a way of making more money in pleasant, healthful surroundings than they could toiling long hours daily in a stuffy shop or factory in the city.

The interest which the government takes in these clubs is shown by the fact that it has offered substantial prizes, provided competent teachers and compiled useful advice to stimulate interest in the clubs.

Last year the work was a great success. It is hoped that this year it may be even more popular.

The tomato canning season now being at hand, the experts of the department of agriculture have issued some suggestions which are so practical that the housewife or any one who is interested in putting up tomatoes may find them useful. Some of them are as follows:

There are a number of practical and economical ways of canning tomatoes. The method depends largely upon the type of canning outfit or device available, kind of jars or containers to be filled and purpose for which the product is to be used.

The method in common use is the one known as the open kettle method, the product being cooked in an open kettle over the fire and then transferred while hot into the jars and sealed at once. This method is too laborious and uncertain to be of practical use, and only a limited number of housekeepers succeed in completely sterilizing the product so as to keep it from spoiling.

A second method is the one known as the "fractional or double sterilization method," where the product is cooked or sterilized two or three days from forty minutes to one hour each day. This method is used with either a kettle, oven, wash boiler or commercial hot water outfit and is quite impractical from the standpoint of a busy and already overworked housewife.

The best method known is the cold packed method of canning, where the tomatoes are carefully graded for size and color, selecting only sound and ripe tomatoes; then scalded for about a minute and a half in boiling water to loosen the skin; then immediately plunged into cold water and cores and skins removed. The tomatoes are then packed well into the jars, adding one level teaspoonful of salt; the rubbers and caps are put in place and the product sterilized in closed containers. If glass top jars are used the top wire should be clamped in place and the lower clamp raised.

If a wash boiler, hot water bath outfit or any homemade device is used the product is cooked for thirty minutes, removed and allowed to cool after the jars are tightened and inverted to test the joints. With water seal outfits the product is cooked for twenty-two minutes before removal. Steam pressure devices require but sixteen minutes when using from five to fifteen pounds of steam. The aluminum pressure cooker outfits will completely sterilize the product in twelve minutes by using from ten to thirty pounds of steam pressure.

WHITE GOWNS.

They Are Most Popular For Beach Wear When Combined With Colors.

White is popular as ever for beach wear, but all white cannot be pronounced as fashionable as white combined with color. The color, however, must be rightly chosen and rightly placed.

With a tailored white linen or white serge suit are worn white gloves and boots, but hat and parasol supply the proper touch of color, and, of course, match in shade.

With a very smart tailor of white mohair and wool weave, recently completed for seashore wear, will be worn white buttoned buckskin boots and long wristed gloves of white embroidered silk, for the coat has short, loose sleeves. Hat and parasol are of sweet pea purple, the deep purple with a shade of blue through it.

Seashore Capes.
Every seashore outfit this year has at least one cape. One of the big, soft, picturesque cape coats of soft woolen is an admirable thing for morning walks on the beach or cool crisp days.

Scant Frills Are the Rule on Lingerie

Any softness more satisfactorily than lace after being washed and ironed. When lace is used at all the finer patterns of Valenciennes, Normandy, and shadow lace are selected. Cluny and fillet are used sparingly, but one sees little of the once adored Irish crochet these days.

As a rule, ruffles are taboo on modern lingerie, but here and there one sees a soft, scant little frill of net lace on drawers or an equally soft, scant flounce on a petticoat. The unfilled petticoat is rarely pretty, but the old, tried and true rule of "once and a half the width" for a petticoat flounce no longer obtains. Once and a half is all that is allowed now, and in some cases, when sheer machine embroidered flouncing is used, the flounce is set on without any gathers at all, the embroidered, scalloped edge suggesting a ruffle, when, in fact, there is no fullness whatever.

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Seeming inconsistency Explained.
"You are strong for local option."
"Yes, sir," replied Colonel Stilwell.
"You'll pardon me for mentioning it, but you don't abstain from alcoholic beverages yourself."

"That is true, sir. But I don't wish to see them become so common that they will lose their standing as luxuries."

Proprietorship.
"You told me you hadn't any mosquitoes," said the summer boarder reproachfully.

"I hadn't," replied Farmer Cornstossel. "Then you see floatin' around come from Si Perkins' place. They ain't mine."

An Entertaining Business Agent.



Colonel Hooks (entering meeting of real estate agents)—I am a trifle late. Met a highwayman about a mile out of town.
Chorus of Agents—Did he rob you?
Colonel Hooks—No, but it took me some little time to convince him of the certainty of the boom in this city and sell him a corner lot.

DECORATING FURNITURE.

Amateurs who would not attempt to paint furniture need not hesitate if they really want some of the decorated variety. The old fashioned process of transfer pictures, or decalcomania, is being put to an excellent present day use.

White, black or gray enamel bedroom sets or single pieces can be decorated by the application of small Dresden flower patterns. One may have to hunt long through the assortments of these transfer pictures to find something that will not be too large or grotesque, for this sort of decoration should not be overdone.

For use in summer homes there is no end of things to be decorated in this way. The backs of desk and dressing table, chairs, trays, wooden candlesticks, picture frames, mirror frames, workboxes, bookracks, can all be decorated with these pictures.

This transfer process is easily done and inexpensive. The materials needed are the pictures, a transfer cement and a rubber roller, the kind used for rolling down photographs.

The varnish-like transfer cement is applied thinly to the pattern, being allowed to dry for ten or fifteen minutes. Then the transfer is placed in the position desired on a smoothly finished surface and rolled down. After rolling the paper should be wet and rolled again.

After removing the paper the surplus varnish around the pattern and the gum deposit from the paper should be cleaned away with a sponge saturated with benzine. Then the transfer should be gone over again with a soft, dry cloth to remove any benzine.

The piece should be allowed to stand two or three hours before being finally coated with varnish to give a pretty finish.

Cleaning Frail Laces.
Delicate laces which have become soiled may be cleaned by squeezing them through skim milk to which a little bluing has been added. They come out of their bath looking like new and are of just the right stiffness when stretched and dried, or dried and ironed between cloths over a Turkish towel pad.

THE HOUSE OF GOD.

Where the great winds are loud about the moors.
And the stars beacon and the sun endures;
Where the armadas of the clouds set sail
And lyric waters shout adown the dale,
Where flowers make redolent the vernal sod—
Here is the house of God!

In highways and in byways of the earth,
Where there is kindness and simple mirth,
Where hands touch hands and lips to lips are set,
Where there is sorrow and wan eyes are wet,
Where little children smile and beck and nod—
Here is the house of God!
—Clinton Scollard.

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A SUNNY SMILE OR TWO

Worms Turn.
Ocean Voyager—Don't the passengers make you tired with the questions they ask?
Captain—Yes, indeed; what else is it you want to know?

Fashion Note.
"My wife has bought an aeroplane hat."
"What kind of hat is that?"
"One with a tilt."

Salvaged.
"I hear that Blinker's new auto blew up with him. Did he recover anything?"
"One car."

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BLOUSES OF THE MOMENT.

Low Necked Models Maintain Their Popularity With Smart Women.

The blouses which are now popular are admirably for the woman who has a pretty throat, and the despair of those whose throats are not all they should be. Unfortunately for the latter.



CHAFE BLOUSE.

ter, Fashion seems to have no intention of changing her mind in regard to the open neck, so that massage and the cold cream jar seem still to be the only refuge of the scrawny and hollow necked. The gown shown here is of crepe combining a shade of pale yellow, with a harmonizing tone of pale brown.

Toned Up Whole System.

"Chamberlain's Tablets have done more for me than I ever dared hope for," writes Mrs. Esther Mae Baker, Spencerport, N. Y. "I used several bottles of these tablets a few months ago. They not only cured me of bilious attacks, but sick headaches and that tired out feeling, but toned my whole system." For sale by all dealers.—Adv. 1m

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For some of us chuckle and sing
While others are weighed with woe.

There's nothing as bright as it seems
And little as dark as it looks.
Yet it isn't so vexing
And strange and perplexing
And queer as they make it in books.

The world is a wonderful place
Whose marvels will never be known,
To some full of beauty and grace,
To others a horror in stone.
There's magic in sunshine and cloud
And music in breezes and brooks,
But perhaps it's as well, on
The whole, we don't dwell on
The world as it's painted in books.

And love's a mysterious force,
With springs in abysses profound,
That guides every star in its course
And lightens the earth's weary round.
It batters all barriers down
That separate nobles and cooks,
Yet in life Master Cupid
Is feeble and stupid
Compared with his portrait in books.

The girl is a treasure whose worth
'Twere vain to attempt to declare
There's nothing that's precious on earth
That can with her value compare.
She charms by her science and art
And lures by the dainties she cooks,
But goodby to her lover
If he should discover
The goddess depicted in books.
—London Chronicle

MARRIED AND GOING AWAY.

I AM married and going away.
Goodby to the dear old home.
Goodby to girlhood's happy years,
And welcome the joys to come.
Do not chide me that I weep,
Weep on my wedding day.
Life will never be quite the same;
I'm married and going away.

I'M glad and willing to go,
But a bride must have her cry.
There are so many cherished friends
That I must bid goodby.
So much that I dearly love
That I leave forever today!
What memories rest on everything
When one's married and going away!

HOW happy was I that eve
When Harry called me aside
For a stroll on the moonlit lawn,
And I went with happy pride.
For his eyes were burning bright
I knew what he meant to say
By his grave and tender voice
Now we're married and going away.

SWEET words he spoke that night
The lawn grew doubly dear,
The beautiful lawn I've loved
For many a happy year.
And I gave my promise true.
A girl loves not for a day.
Ah, yes, the world is bright and new!
I am married and going away.

KISS me, mother, I'll dry my tears.
I fear not my future life.
My grief is in leaving you and home.
My husband will love his wife,
And I shall be happy, I know.
The carriage is ready, you say,
So shower the rice and toss the shoes.
We're married and going away.
—Unidentified.

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